



**Patapsco Valley
State Park
Soldiers Delight NEA
2010 - 2011
HUNTING PROGRAM**



2010-2011 Season

Welcome Patapsco Valley, Soldiers Delight, and Morgan Run Hunters, I would like to welcome you to another season of hunting Soldiers Delight, Morgan Run and Patapsco Valley State Park. The hunting program is the result of lots of hard work on the part of the Patapsco Staff, DNR wildlife and concerned citizens from the area. Our hunting program is in place primarily to control deer populations in these areas. While we do not require you to take an antlerless deer first; we do ask that you do not pass up the opportunity. This hunting program is dependant on your ability to obey the regulations and procedures, and respect the property of adjacent landowners. Your cooperation and adherence to the rules will help keep this hunting program available.

2010-2011 hunting.

- You must purchase a Managed Hunt Permit from any hunting license dealer. This managed hunt permit is valid for all public lands in the state. In addition to the Managed Hunt permit you will also be required to register for a FREE Patapsco Valley State Park Annual Permit in order to hunt at Patapsco Valley, Morgan Run or Soldiers Delight.
- There will be no requirement this year to take an antlerless deer prior to taking an antlered deer. Follow Bag limit guidelines in the 2010-2011 Guide to Hunting and Trapping. Our harvest numbers did not change significantly due to this change; however we remind you that taking antlerless deer should be a priority – please don't pass up the opportunity.
- You are required to sign in and sign out on the logs at the designated parking lots for each area. The number of hunters is limited to the indicated number on the sign in form. This will be important like last year; **hunters will be allowed to back fill spaces for hunters that have signed out for the day. Areas will allow a maximum number of hunters at any given time, rather than for the day. If you are hunting in the morning and returning in the evening do not sign-out for the day – this will maintain your spot. However if you are done hunting for the day – please sign-out so other hunters may backfill your slot. You may only sign yourself in and out this year.**
- For the second year we will be conducting a managed Shotgun hunt at Soldiers Delight on January 5 & 6, 2011. **The area will be closed to bow hunting these days. Those wishing to participate in this hunt should follow the directions in the Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland (Pages 66-68) in regard to applying for participation (lottery).**
- It is the permit holder's responsibility to be familiar with and follow all of the rules and procedures of this program and the hunting laws of the State of Maryland. Violations of the program rules or hunting laws will result in your permit being revoked and/or citations. During the 2009-2010 season we revoked permits for two hunters with nineteen hunters on the brink of revocation and sent out 165 warning notices for failing to follow

the program guidelines. We give two warnings for failing to follow program guidelines, on your third failure to follow the rules you will receive a letter revoking your permission to hunt at Patapsco, Soldiers Delight, and Morgan Run. (This is separate from violations and citations issued by Natural Resources Police for hunting violations.)

Our goal is to provide a safe, quality-hunting opportunity for now and in the future. The program's future relies heavily on your adherence to game laws and program guidelines, your utmost consideration and **respect for your fellow hunters**, adjacent land owners and other park users, and your constant vigilance in the areas of safety and competence.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation and I hope you have a safe and successful hunting season at Soldier's Delight NEA, Patapsco Valley State Park and Morgan Run NEA.

Captain Robin S. Melton
Park Manager

**2010 – 2011 PATAPSCO VALLEY
ANNUAL BOWHUNTING – Muzzleloader
HUNTING/PARKING PERMIT**

Muzzleloader _____ **Bow Hunting** _____ **Both** _____

Date _____

Permit # _____

Vehicle Tag # _____

Vehicle Tag# _____

Name _____

SAMPLE

For: **Park Headquarters – 410-461-5005**
 Natural Resources Police- 410-356-7060 or 1-800-825-PARK

BLUE – Parking Permit (place on dash of vehicle)

Rules for Bow hunting in Patapsco Valley State Park, 2010-2011

Reservations

1. Hunting is permitted only on a sign-in and sign-out basis at the designated parking areas. Pay close attention to the **MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE** hunters at any given time.
2. You are required to sign in and sign out on the logs at the designated parking lots for each area. The number of hunters is limited to the indicated number on the sign in form and the posted maximum hunters for the area.
3. Hunters may sign-in themselves only.* This is a change for this season. Hunters were signing in people that were not on site, which is not fair to other hunters already on site.
4. Hunters are reminded that you may not sign-in until 2 hours prior to Sunrise. Hunters are reminded that signing in early will result in revocation of your permit to hunt Patapsco, Morgan Run, and Soldiers Delight Areas. Be fair to your fellow hunters – first come first serve means you sign-in when you arrive in the area to hunt.

Parking

1. See attached maps for designated parking areas. In Hollofield campground please park in designated campsites only. Disabled hunters should contact the park for parking instructions for Hollofield campground and Pickall Areas.
2. Your permit must be displayed on the dashboard and be visible from outside the vehicle.

Hunting

1. A permit is required to hunt if walking in rather than parking this permit must be carried on your person.
2. You may enter the area one hour before shooting time to set up. Legal shooting time begins one half hour before sunrise.
3. You must be out of the area by one hour after shooting time. Legal shooting time ends one half hour after sunset.
4. You are responsible for familiarizing yourself with the hunting area boundary lines, safety zones, and established trails throughout the hunting areas.
5. Portable tree stands and steps are permitted, but cannot be screwed or nailed into trees. All stands must be removed at the end of each day. The use of tree stands (and associated safety equipment) is recommended at all times, especially when hunting near established trails.
6. You must contact the Natural Resource Police (410-260-8888) before tracking a wounded deer off of state park property and onto private property, or to be in the park after hours for any reason.
7. All harvested deer must be tagged before being moved. Do not field dress deer near trails, parking lots or any areas used by other park visitors.
8. All harvested deer must be checked in within 24 hours as required.
9. We have removed the requirement to call Patapsco with your Harvest information. It is very important that you accurately fill out Harvest Information on our Sign In and Sign Out Sheets in each area. Please indicate the **number** of Antlerless or Antlered deer taken – do not place dashes or check marks in these blocks. This is how we track harvest information, so please be accurate.

General

1. All State and Federal hunting laws, as well as park regulations, will be strictly enforced.
2. Maryland State Parks are "Trash Free." All trash must be packed out.
3. **VIOLATING THE RULES OF THIS PROGRAM MAY RESULT IN CITATIONS AND/OR THE LOSS OF YOUR HUNTING PERMIT.**
4. The future of this hunting program depends on **you**. Please exercise caution and conduct yourself in an ethical, sportsmanlike manner when in the field.

Miscellaneous

1. Maps depicting hunting area boundaries are provided for your reference only. Observe posted hunting area boundary signs. All acreage figures are approximate.
2. **All** hunters **MUST** wear the required type and amount of fluorescent orange clothing during the deer firearms season (including Youth Hunt Day) and deer muzzleloader seasons. Bow hunters in the Patapsco Valley, Soldiers Delight and Morgan Run hunting areas are **NOT** exempt from this legal requirement.
3. Scouting is permitted from sunrise to sunset only. No weapons are to be carried while scouting. In order to avoid interfering with fellow sportsmen, Sunday scouting is recommended. Please display your parking permit on the dash of your vehicle when in the area scouting. Hunter Parking areas are open for Scouting beginning September 1, 2010, except as noted below.
4. Scouting is **NOT** permitted in Area #2 of Soldiers Delight before November 14, 2009. After that date, scouting is permitted from sunrise to sunset only. No weapons are to be carried while scouting. In order to avoid interfering with fellow sportsmen, Sunday scouting is recommended. Scouting in the Hollofield Area (7 & 8) is permitted after November 1st.
5. Do not remove, cut, destroy, prune or deface any vegetation. Do not cut shooting lanes.
6. Area 13 (Mears) had numerous violations in the 2009-10 hunting season. This area will be under much scrutiny during the 2010-11 season.
7. In Area 5 (Marriottsville Rd.) hunting will occur only in the wooded portions of this area, due to crop leases on the open fields. The open fields may be traveled through **AFTER** crops have been harvested. Hunters may not hunt the open fields. Please remove any stray arrows that end up in the fields, to avoid damage to agricultural equipment operated in those fields. Please follow the signs in the area.

Bow hunting Permits

1. A VALID Managed Hunt permit is required. In addition, a **FREE PATAPSCO VALLEY/SOLDIERS DELIGHT ANNUAL BOW HUNTING PERMIT** is required for bow hunting in Soldier's Delight NEA, Patapsco Valley State Park, and Morgan Run NEA.
2. Patapsco Valley Annual Bow Hunting Permits are available through Patapsco Valley State Park Headquarters, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or by mail. Beginning August 30, 2010
3. The following information is needed when applying for your Annual Bow Hunting Permit:
 - Copy of Hunting License and all applicable stamps
 - Copy of Managed Hunt Permit
 - Copy of Drivers License
 - Vehicle Tag Numbers
 - Email Address (Primary means of communication with hunters during the season.)

Muzzleloader Hunting

1. All of the above rules apply to muzzleloader hunting at Morgan Run Natural Environment Area.
2. Muzzleloader deer hunting is permitted Monday through Saturday in the Old Washington Road (Area 9) and Ben Rose Lane (Area 10) hunting areas on the following dates: Youth Hunt Day (**Nov. 13, 2010**), the statewide firearms deer season (**Nov. 27 - Dec. 11, 2010**) (**Jan. 7-Jan. 8, 2011**) and the statewide regular (late) muzzleloader deer season (**Dec. 18, 2010 – Jan. 1, 2011**)
3. A VALID managed hunt permit is required. In addition, a FREE PATAPSCO VALLEY ANNUAL BOW HUNTING PERMIT is required for muzzleloader hunting at Morgan Run Natural Environment Area.
4. On the Youth Hunt Day (**Nov. 13, 2010**), permits are free for youths age 16 and under and areas are available on a first come, first served basis.

Hunting Areas

| Area # | Name | Acres | Number of Hunters | Opening Date | Last Day | Additional Information |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Area 1 | Raincliffe Road | 350 | | 9/15/2010 | 1/31/2011 | Mon.-Sat. |
| | <i>M.E.S. Lot</i> | | 4 | | | |
| | <i>Lot at Rt 32</i> | | 6 | | | |
| Area 2 | Gorsuch Switch Rd | 350 | | 9/15/2010 | 1/31/2011 | Mon.-Sat. |
| | <i>Gorsuch Switch Lot</i> | | 5 | | | |
| | <i>Henryton Lot</i> | | 10 | | | |
| Area 3 | Henryton Road | 120 | 6 | 9/15/2010 | 1/31/2011 | Mon.-Sat. |
| Area 4 | River Road | 450 | 20 | 9/15/2010 | 1/31/2011 | Mon.-Sat. |
| Area 5 | Marriottsville Road | 400 | 12 | 9/15/2010 | 1/31/2011 | Mon.-Sat. |
| Area 6 | Driver Road | 600 | 22 | 9/15/2010 | 1/31/2011 | Mon.-Sat |
| Area 7 | Hollofield South | 100 | 10 | 11/2/2010 | 1/31/2011 | See Special information below ** |
| Area 8 | Hollofield North | 275 | 10 | 11/2/2010 | 1/31/2011 | See Special Information below** |
| Area 9 | Old Washington Rd | 100 | 2 | 10/21/2010 | 1/31/2011 | See Special Information below |
| Area 10 | Ben Rose Lane | 325 | 14 | 10/21/2010 | 1/31/2011 | See Special Information below |
| Area 11 | Mercer Property | 150 | 8 | 9/15/2010 | 1/31/2011 | Mon.-Sat. |
| Area 12 | Pickall | 300 | 10 | 9/15/2010 | 1/31/2011 | Mon.-Sat. ** |
| Area 13 | Mears Property | 120 | 8 | 9/15/2010 | 1/31/2011 | Mon.-Sat.** |
| Area 14 | College Avenue | 115 | 10 | 9/15/2010 | 1/31/2011 | Mon.-Sat.** |
| Area 15 | Hilltop Road | 140 | 10 | 9/15/2010 | 1/31/2011 | Mon.-Sat |
| Area 16 | Soldiers Delight #1 | 400 | 20 | 11/15/2010 | 1/31/2011 | See Special Information below |
| Area 17 | Soldiers Delight #2 | 300 | 15 | 11/15/2010 | 1/31/2011 | See Special Information below |

1. The Hollofield South and North (Areas 7 and 8) -Access to the Hollofield areas is through a locked gate, which is open from 9:00 a.m. to sunset. Parking for Area 7 is in campsites 461, 462, 463 and 464 **ONLY**. Parking for Area 8 is in the parking lot behind the control station **ONLY**.
2. The Old Washington Road (Area 9) and Ben Rose Lane (Area 10) hunting areas are open to bow hunting from October 21, 2010 through January 31, 2011, **Wednesday through Saturday**, except for the muzzleloader season dates listed in the muzzleloader hunting section of this guide.
3. Soldiers Delight #1 (Area 16) Ward Chapel Rd. open for Bow Hunting Nov. 15, 2010 to January 31, 2011. Soldiers Delight #2 (Area 17) Deer Park Rd. open for Bow Hunting Nov. 15, 2010 to January 31, 2011. **Soldiers Delight #1(Area 16) and #2 (Area 17) will be closed January 5 and 6, 2011 due to the managed shotgun hunt.**
4. **Access to areas #7, 8, 12, 13 and 14 is through a locked gate. **If you unlock the gate to enter or leave the area, please be sure it is locked behind you. If you enter any of these areas and the gate is open, please lock it behind you.**

Area Combinations

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| Area #7 & 8 Hollofield 1990 | Area #12 Pickall 1990 |
| Area #13 Mears 1990 | Area #14 College Ave 1990 |

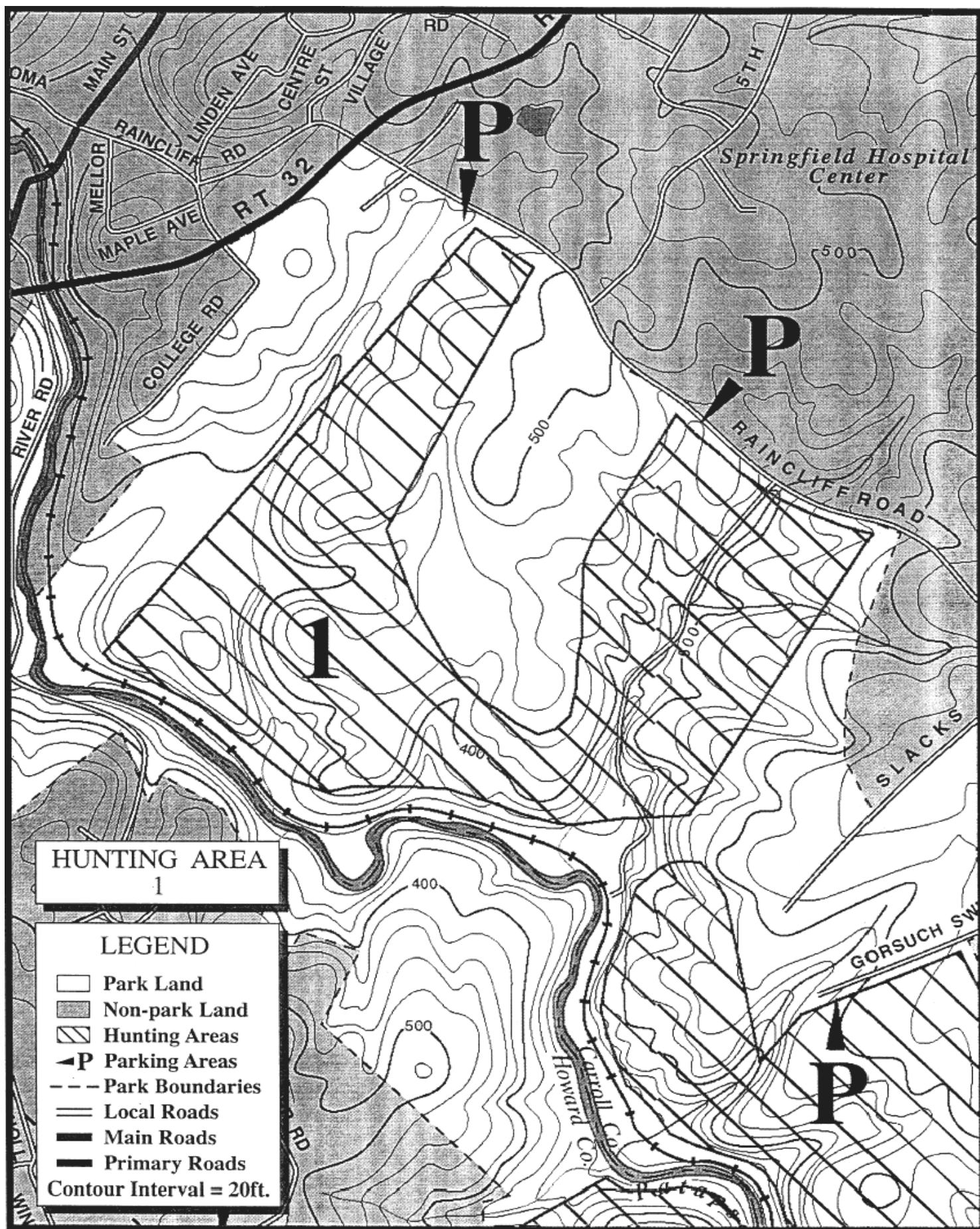
Please report all violations of game laws or these hunting rules to Natural Resource Police as soon as possible by calling:

Gwynnbrook Office (410-356-7060) Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

DNR Communications Center (1-800-825-PARK) 24 hours a day









Do not attempt to approach or apprehend violators. Note identifying information such as physical description, vehicle description, vehicle tag number, time of violation, exact location, etc. and relay this information to DNR staff.

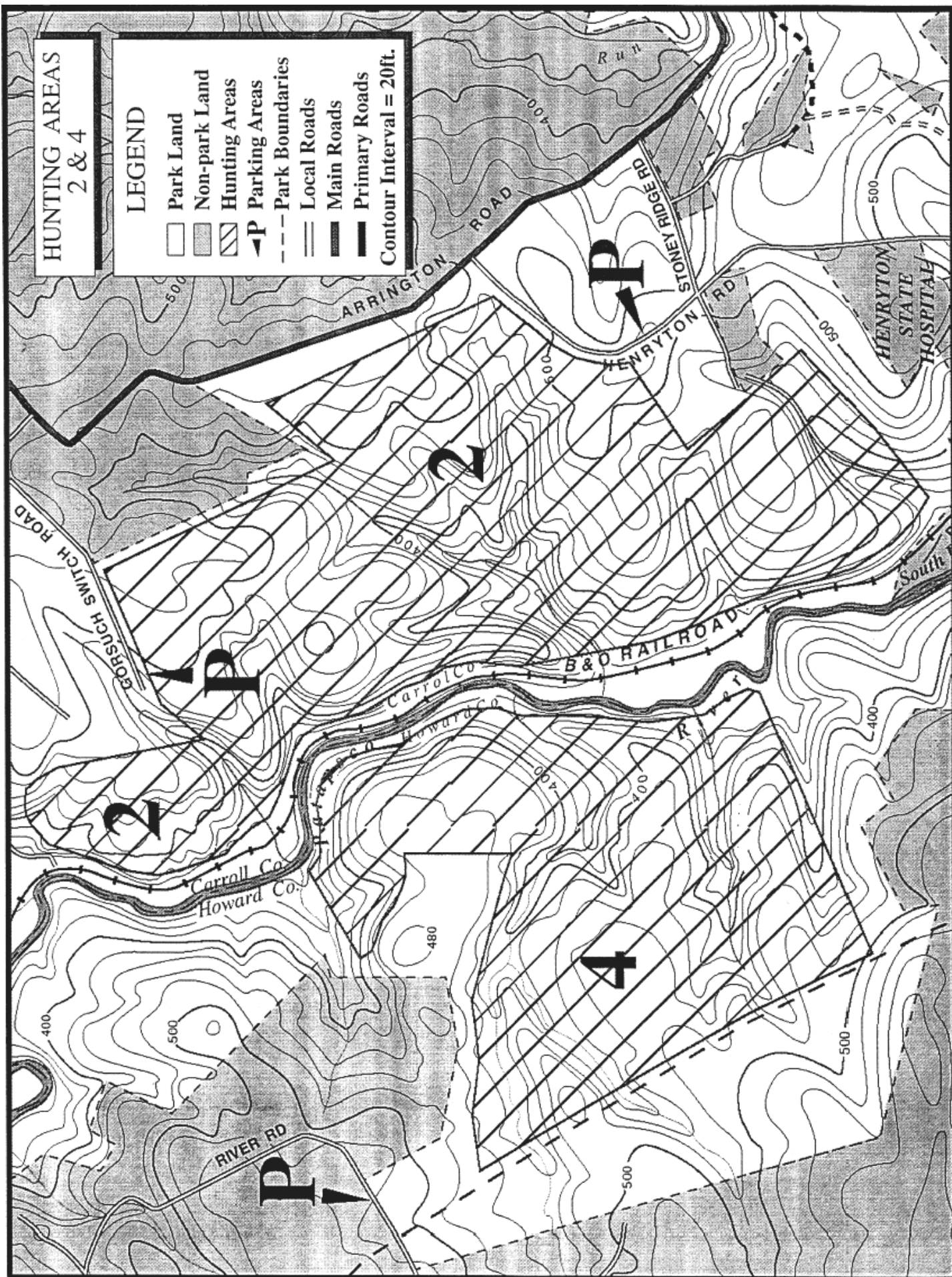
Finally, always remember the number one rule for a successful hunt - SAFETY.

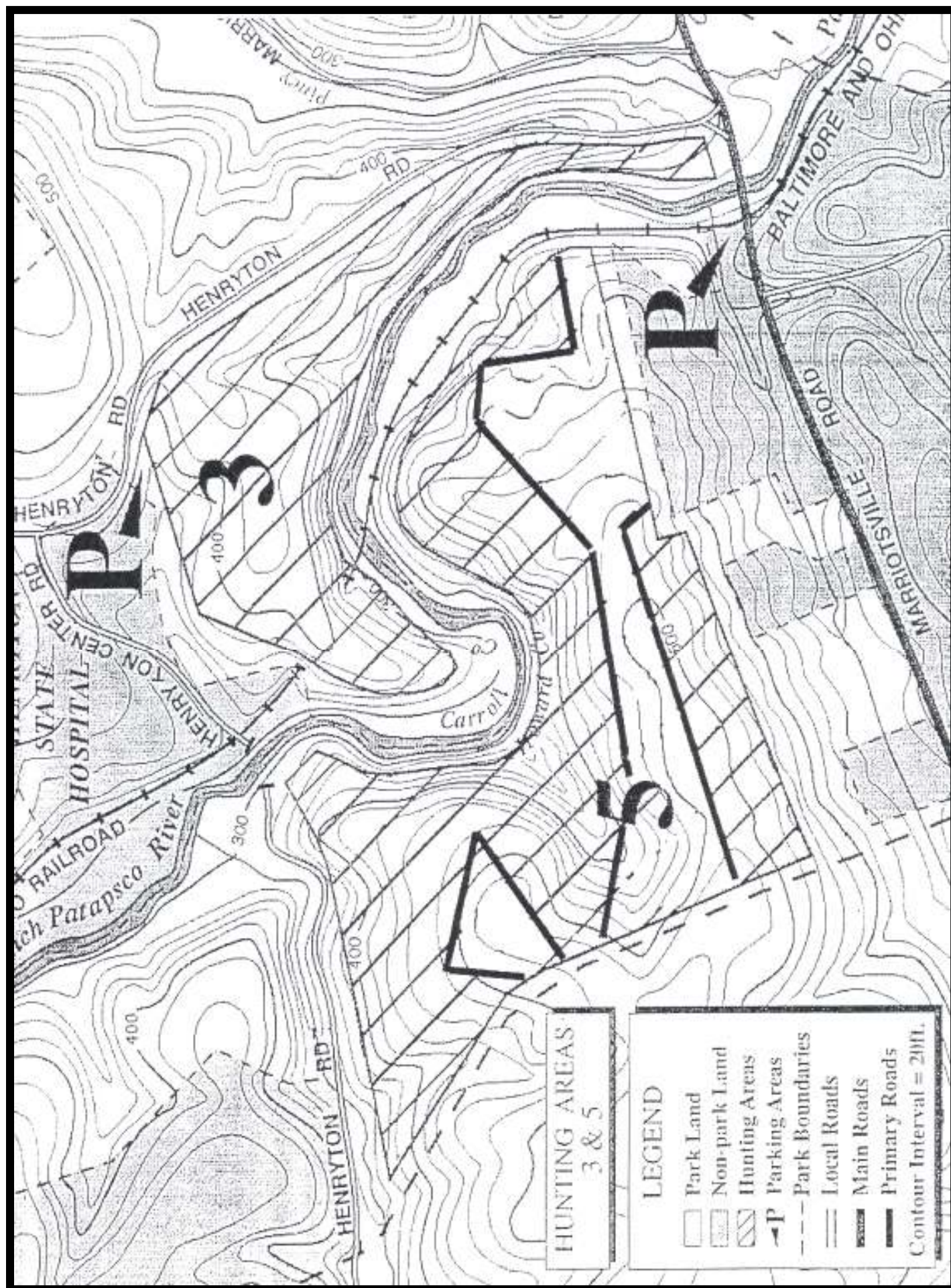


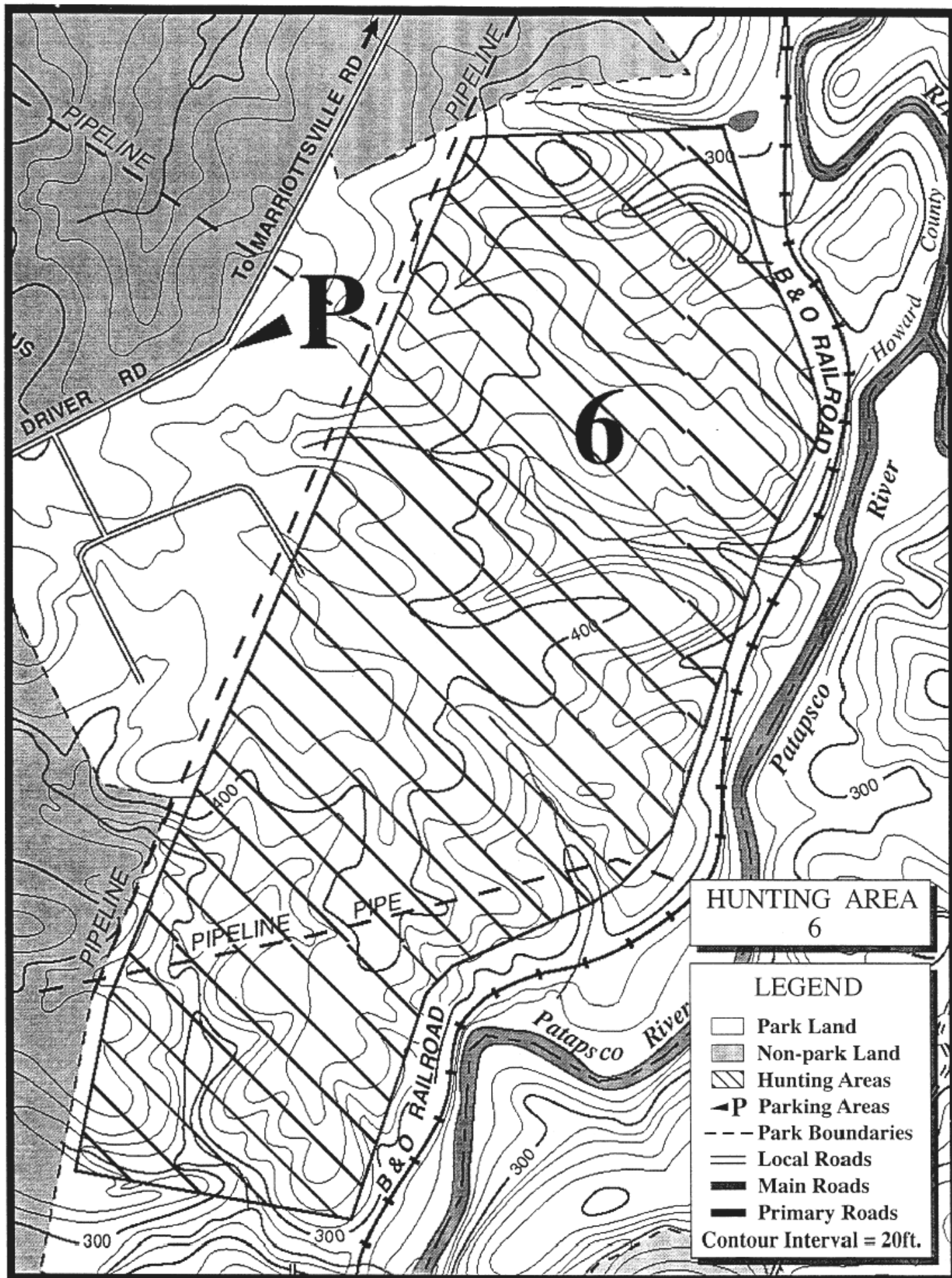
HUNTING AREAS 2 & 4

LEGEND

-  Park Land
 -  Non-park Land
 -  Hunting Areas
 -  Parking Areas
 -  Park Boundaries
 -  Local Roads
 -  Main Roads
 -  Primary Roads
- Contour Interval = 20ft.









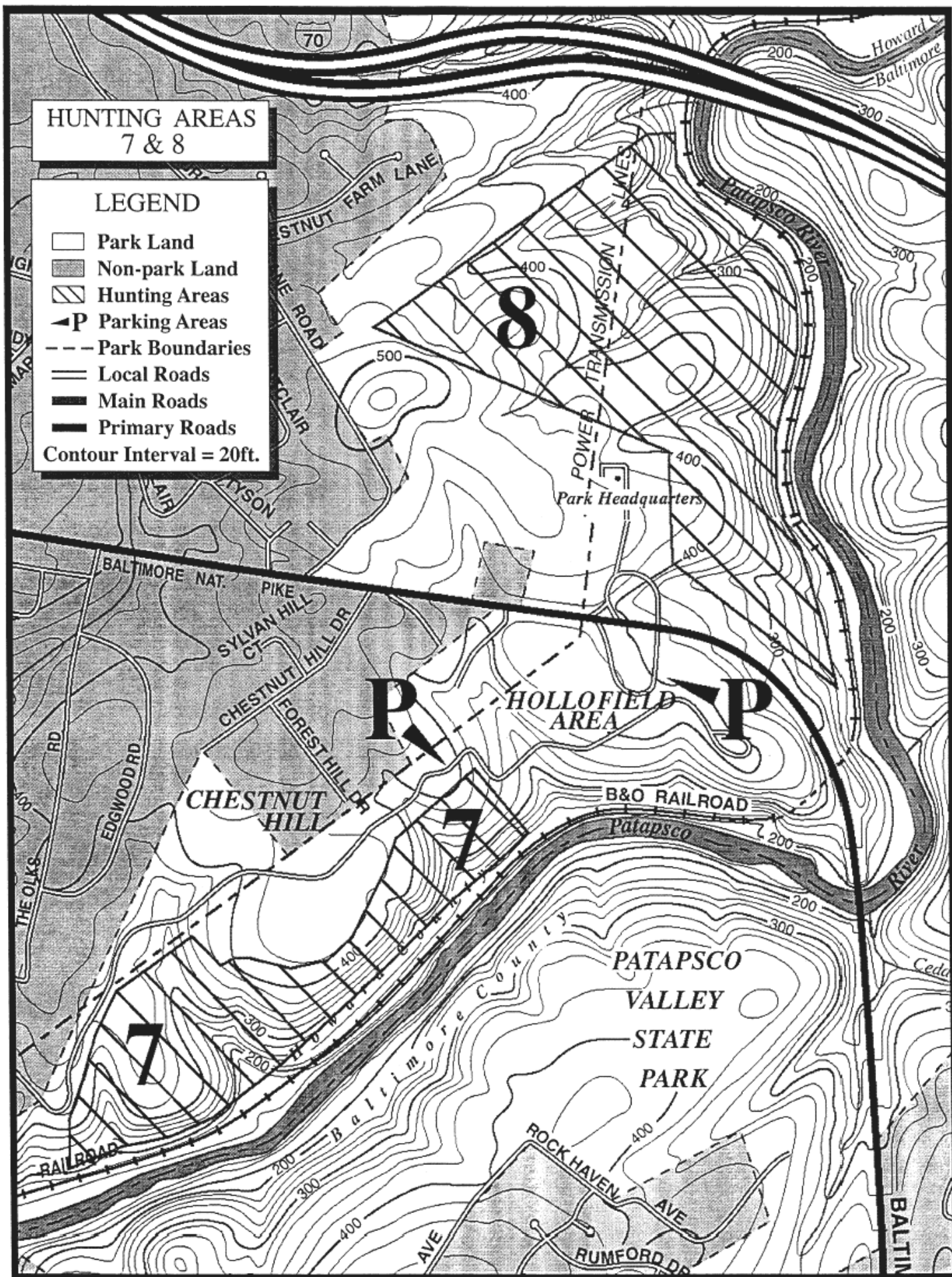




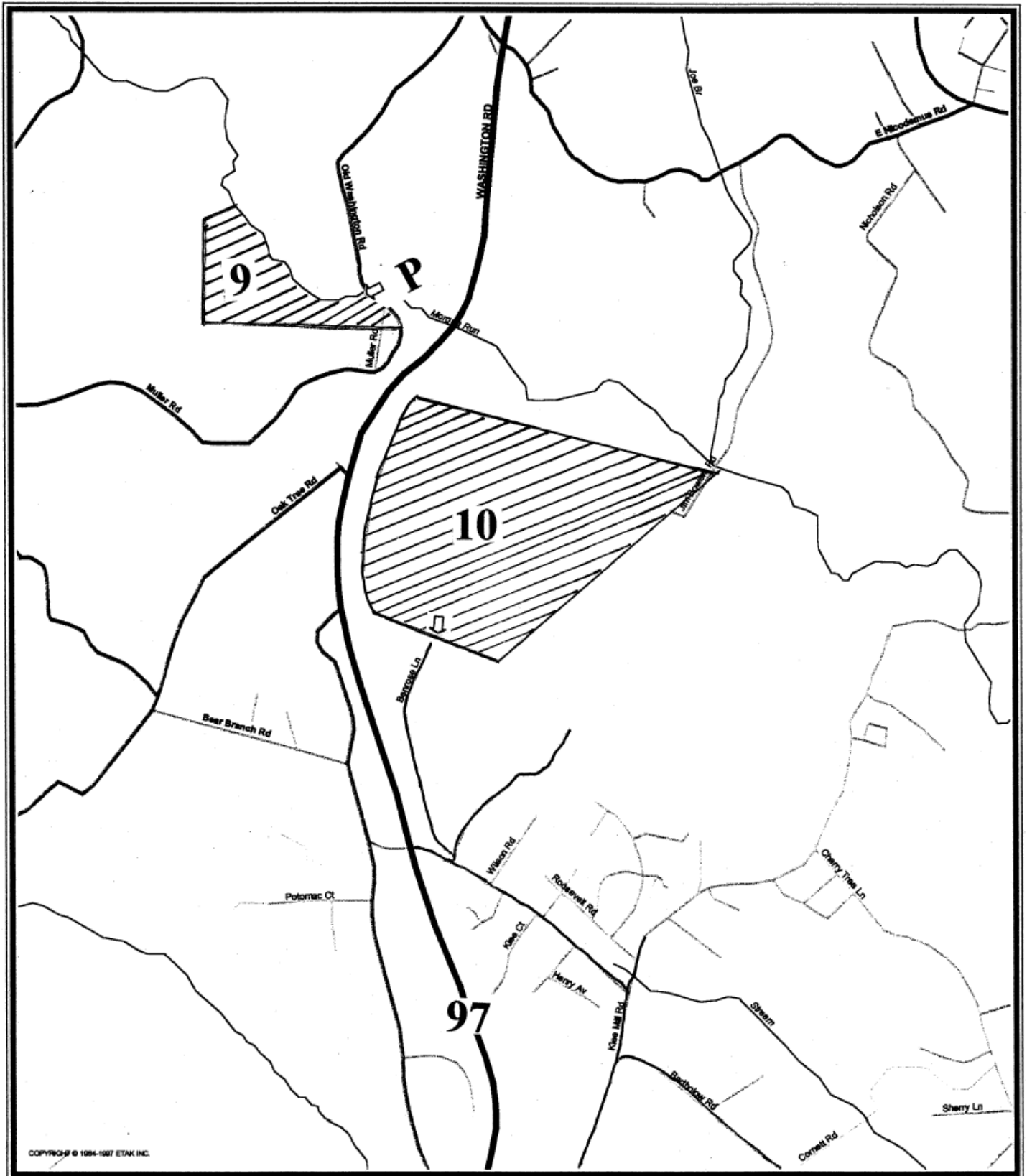
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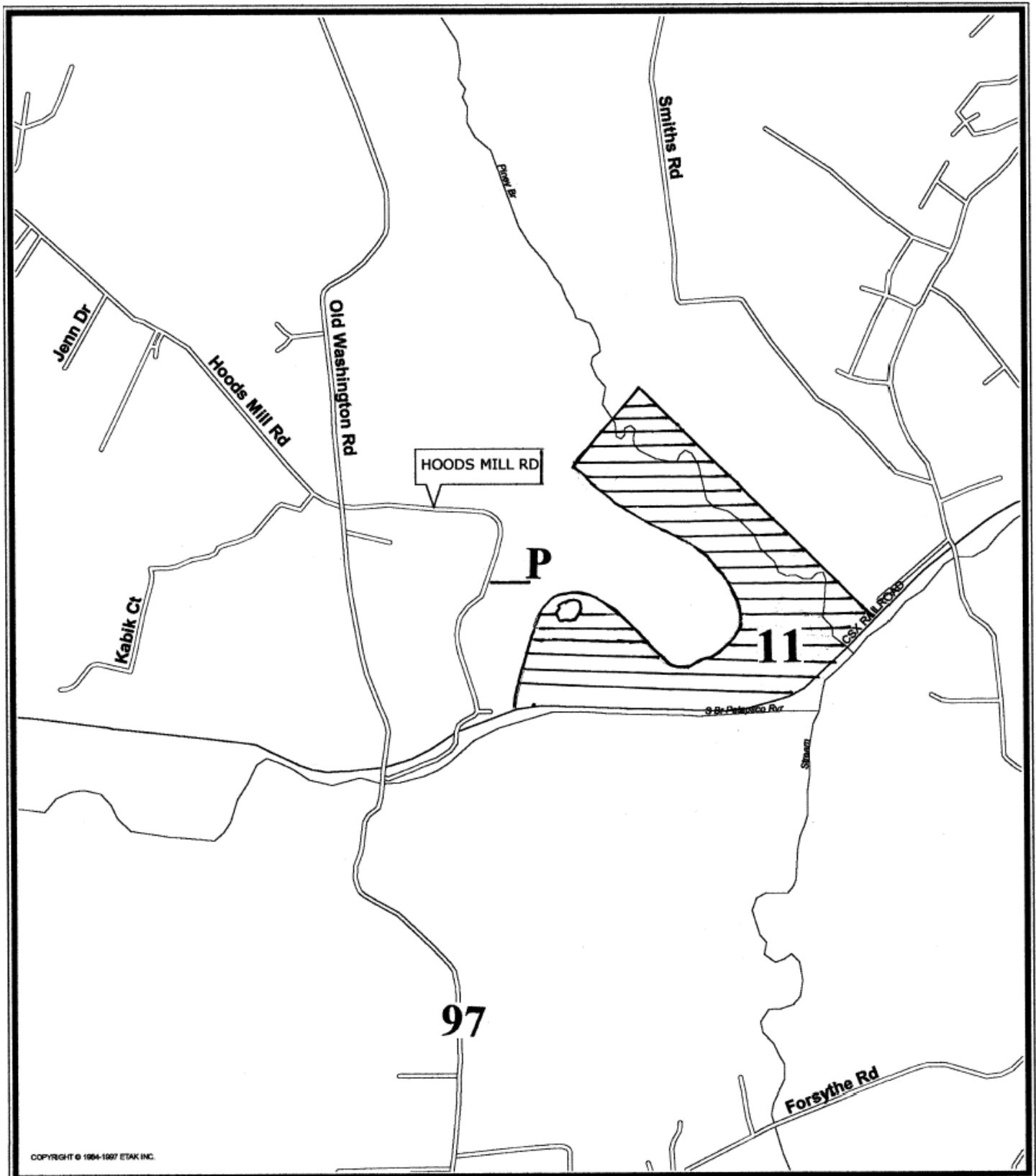


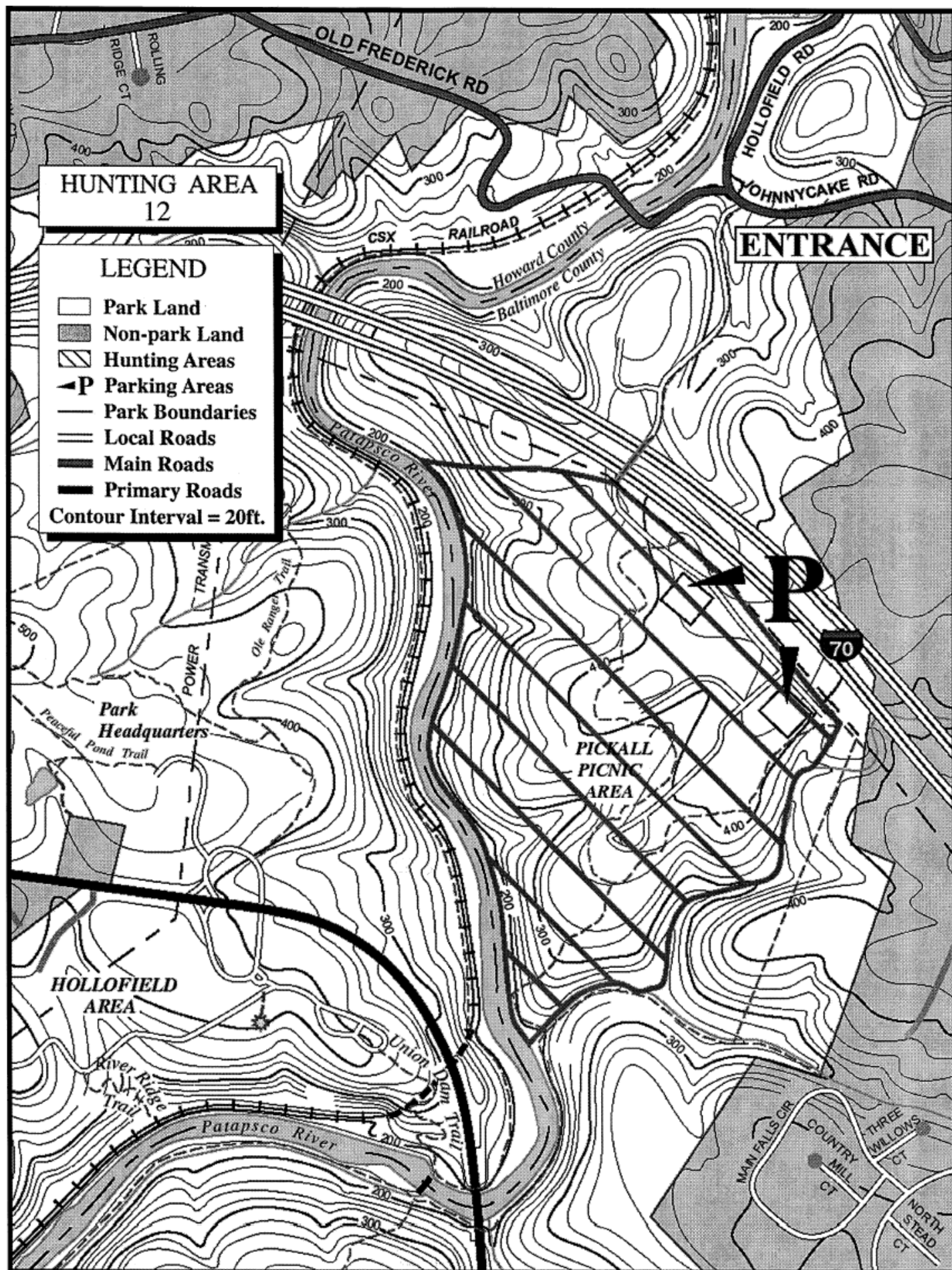
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HUNTING AREAS 9 & 10**



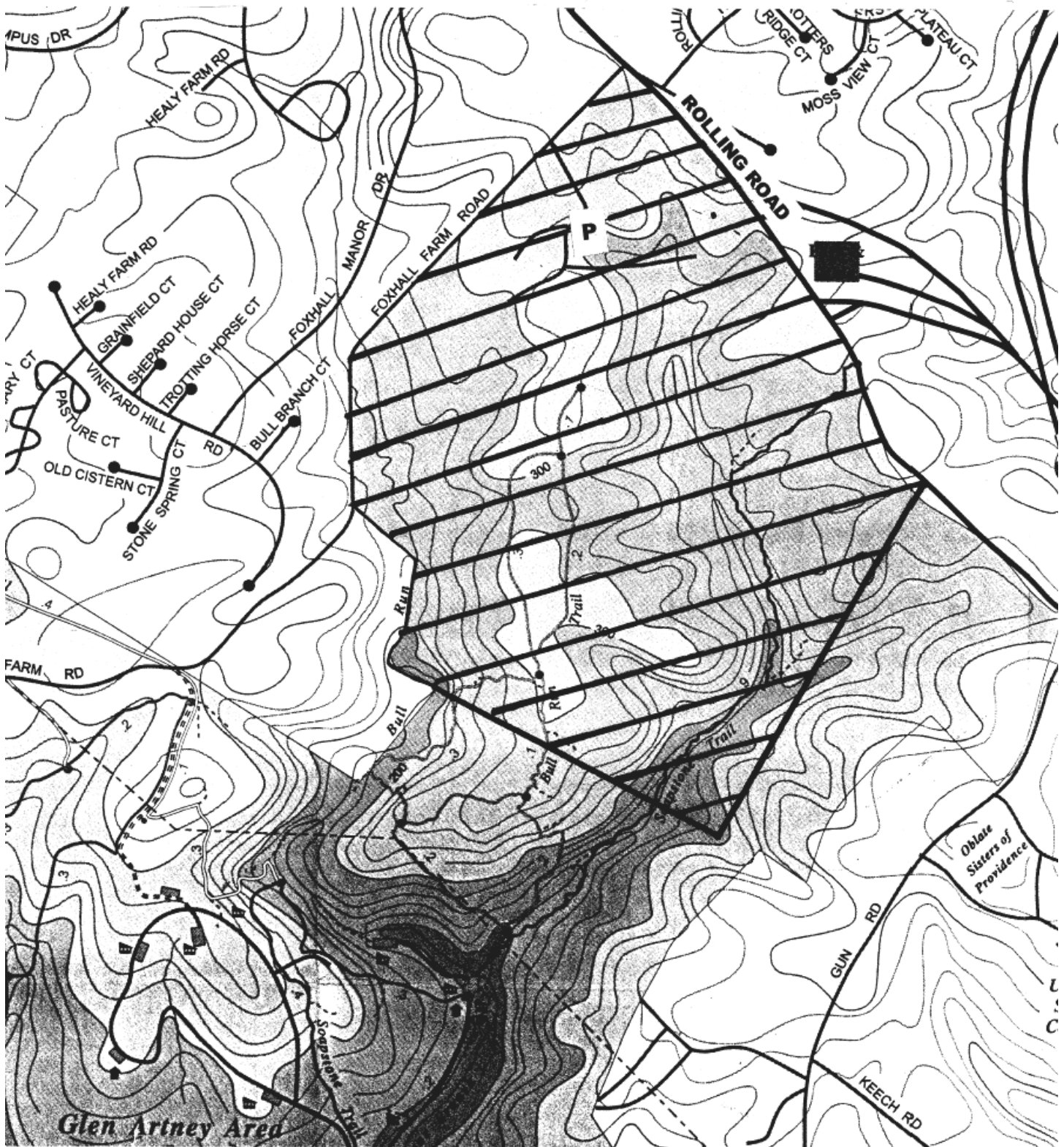
HUNTING AREA # 11

MERCER PROPERTY





MEARS PROPERTY AREA #13



MANAGED HUNTING AREA

P = PARKING

COLLEGE AVENUE AREA #14



MANAGED HUNTING AREA

P = PARKING





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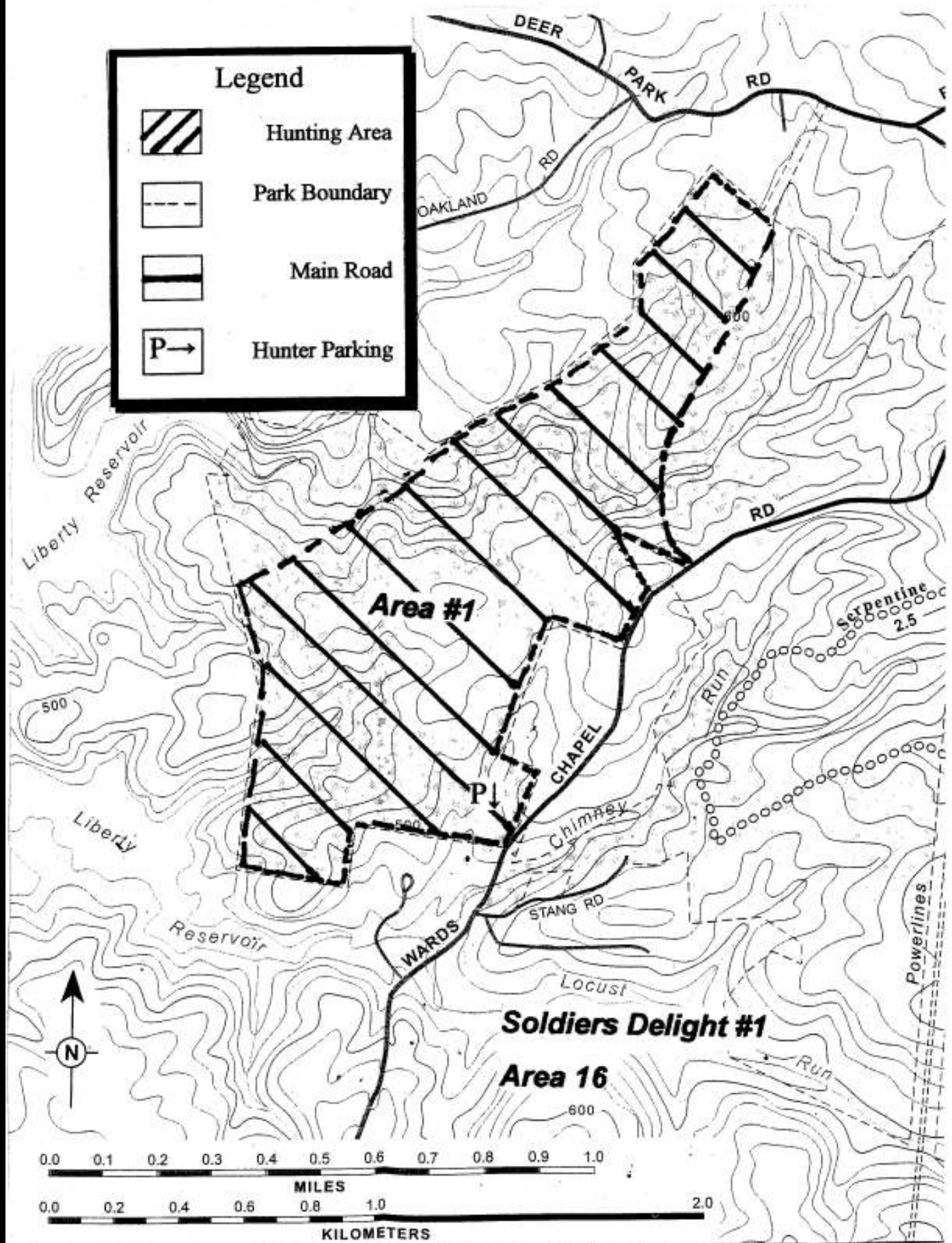


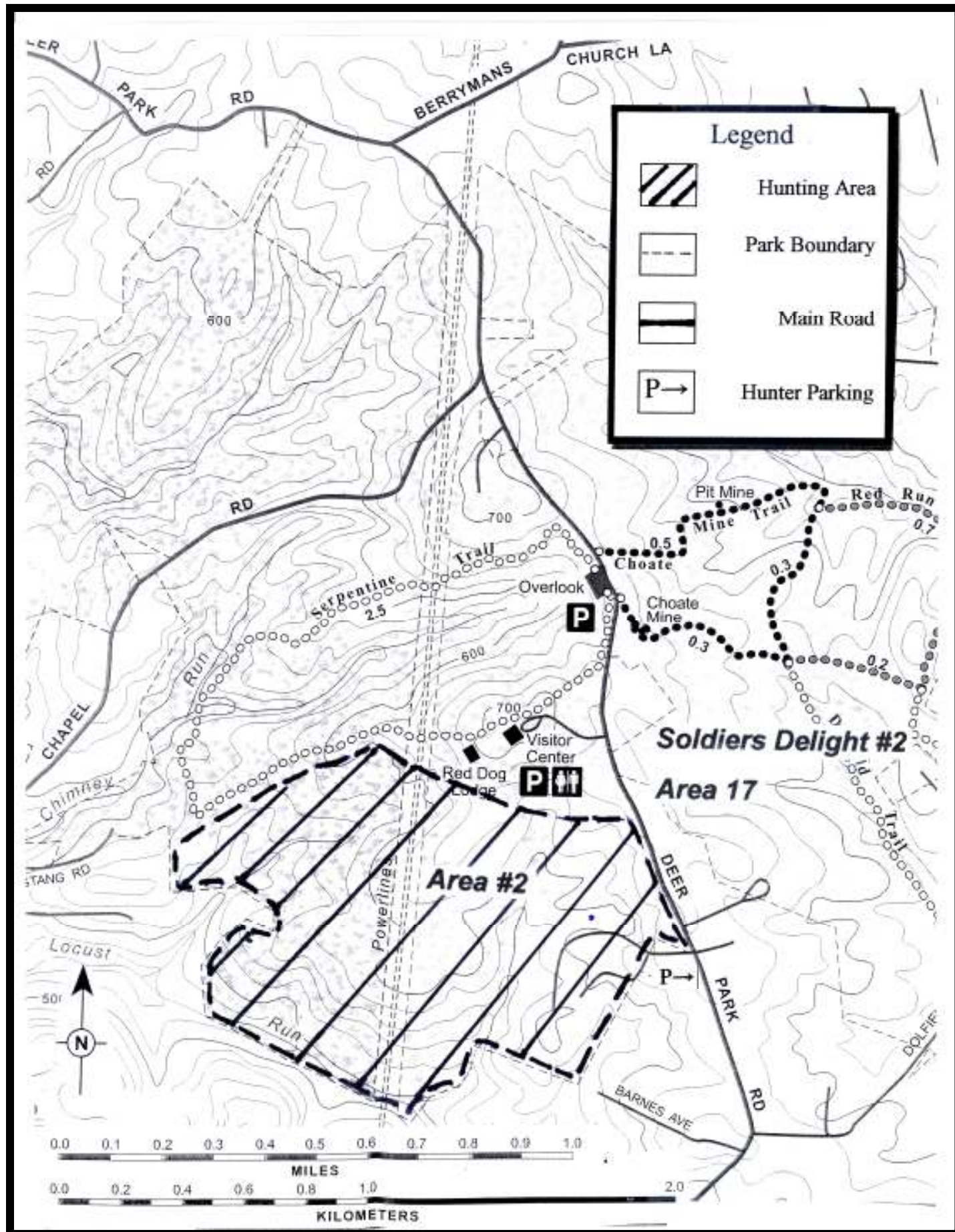
MANAGED HUNTING AREA

P = PARKING

Legend

| | |
|---|----------------|
|  | Hunting Area |
|  | Park Boundary |
|  | Main Road |
|  | Hunter Parking |







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